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Dr. Bethany Wrye, Ph.D, MCHES, is an Associate Professor at Middle Tennessee State University, where she serves as the Interim Chair for the Department of Health and Human Performance. She holds a B.A. in both Biology and Spanish from Lipscomb University, a M.S. in Experimental Psychology (2006), and a Ph.D. in Health and Human Performance (2011), both from Middle Tennessee State University. Prior to MTSU, she held faculty positions at both Belmont University and Tennessee State University.

Currently, she serves as the President for the Middle Tennessee Fund for Women and Girls. Previously, she served as the Chair of Tennessee Public Health Association's Academics Section, on the Health Education School Health Advisory Committee for the state of Tennessee, on the United Way Healthy Behaviors Vision Council, and the Program Vice President for the Murfreesboro chapter of the American Association of University Women.

In addition to being committed to supporting students in their own research interests, Dr. Wrye's scholarly focus is two pronged. Firstly, she is interested in the use of technology and student engagement to improve pedagogy. Additionally, she is interested in exploring the relationship between moral disengagement and adverse childhood experiences. She has published in peer reviewed journals on both topics and presented research at several national conferences, including American Public Health Association and the Lilly Conference on College Teaching.

Dr. Wrye is experienced in leading professional development initiatives, including a Professional Learning Community centered on the implementation of MT Engage, MTSU's Quality Enhancement Plan; and a Faculty Learning Community aimed at increasing sense of community among graduate students enrolled in online courses. Current grant funded projects include developing online workforce development modules for the Tennessee Department of Health and measuring stigma of substance misuse among health care providers.

